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Identical letters dated 5 November 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you hereinafter a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 22 to 31 October 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 5 November 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 22 to 31 October 2007, inclusive

Air violations

On 22 October 2007:

- Between 0557 and 1205 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Sidon, circled over the regions of Jazzin and the Western Bekaa, then left over Rumaysh;
- Between 1120 and 1230 hours two Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Kila, proceeded as far as Shikka and Bsharre, circled over Shikka and the South, then left over Dayr Mimas.

On 23 October 2007:

- Between 1132 and 1410 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Sidon, circled over the regions of the Shuf and the South, then left over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 1914 and 2200 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Tyre, circled over both land and sea between the Zahrani River, Al-Bayada and Beirut, then left over the sea off Naqurah;
- Between 1945 and 1950 hours an Israeli enemy helicopter overflew the villages of Bayt Lif, Marwahin, Qawzah and Ramiyah, then left in the direction of the occupied Palestinian territory.

On 24 October 2007:

- Between 1035 and 1120 hours four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Kila heading north, circled over the regions of the South and the North, then left over 'Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 2015 and 2200 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Tyre and heading in the direction of Beirut, circled over the sea between Tyre and Beirut, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 25 October 2007:

- Between 1003 and 1115 hours two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Dayr Mimas, circled between Shikka and the South, then left over 'Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 1705 and 1930 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah, circled over the sea between Beirut and Sidon, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 27 October 2007:

- Between 0014 and 0110 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Sidon, headed north as far as a point west of Beirut, circled between Beirut and the southern regions, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 28 October 2007:

- Between 1000 and 1145 hours two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh, circled over all the regions of Lebanon, then left over 'Alma al-Sha'b;

- Between 2155 and 2300 hours an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah, circled over the sea between Damur and Beirut, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 29 October 2007, between 1407 and 1510 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Kila, circled over Shikka and the southern regions, then left over 'Alma al-Sha'b.

On 31 October 2007, between 0010 and 0145 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Al-Bayada, headed north as far as a point west of Beirut, circled over the sea off Beirut, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

Sea violations

None.

Field violations

On 24 October 2007, between 1910 and 1950 hours, Israeli enemy forces sporadically strafed the area around their position on Radar hill (opposite Shab'a) with medium weapons.

On 26 October 2007 the Israeli enemy, from their position in the Zar'it barracks, shined a spotlight for five seconds in the direction of the Tarbikha gate, within Lebanese territory.

Other Israeli activities

The Israeli enemy carried out extensive manoeuvres over a four-day period from 28 to 31 October 2007 in the Galilee region near the Lebanese border in an attempt to draw lessons from the July 2006 war.